

ALCOS DEFEATED IN CLOSE GAMES

Lose to Plumbers, but Lucky Breaks Aid Victors Material.

In games marked by the sharpest kind of bowling, the American Locomotive Company's team lost two out of three games to the Plumbers on the Newport Alleya last night in the championship games of the Richmond Bowling Association for the loving cup offered by The Times-Dispatch.

While there have been a number of exciting games played during the life of the league, none can compare with the games played last night. The game fight put up by the Alcos won the applause of the large crowd of rooters on hand. Time and again the sturdy bowlers from the Locomotive Works made sports which put them in sight of victory. They worked hard to win, and in justice to them it should be added that some lucky breaks aided their opponents considerably in carrying off the majority of the games.

Baxter, captain of the Alcos, played a star game and carried off the honors of the evening capturing high individual and high total score. O'Brien also bowled a good game, as did Gallagher. For the Plumbers, Captain Roy did the stellar work, with Smith second and Blair a close third.

All of the games were close and proved conclusively that the league would not be a runaway affair. Four of the teams are now tied, with a percentage of .667. They are the Meat Packers, Engravers, Jewelers and Plumbers. The season has just begun, and before the entire schedule has been played there are likely to be many changes in the percentage column.

Following will be found the score and standing of the teams:

American Locomotive Works.				
1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Baxter, capt.	175	186	159	520
Kennedy	145	135	148	428
Glaze	130	116	109	355
Gallagher	118	107	104	329
O'Brien	109	107	102	318

Plumbers.				
1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Roy, capt.	145	175	177	497
Smith	181	143	145	469
Hooker	113	131	115	359
Blair	106	126	147	379
Langhorne	100	103	101	304

Engravers and Jewelers.				
1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Empire-Guthrie and Samuels.	100	103	101	304
Scorers—Barrow and Tombs.				

Standing of the Clubs.				
Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.	
Meat Packers	4	2	.667	
Engravers	4	2	.667	
Jewelers	4	2	.667	
Plumbers	4	2	.667	
Times-Dispatch	2	4	.333	
Am. Loco. Works	2	4	.333	

VIRGINIA TO PLAY JOHNS HOPKINS

Gridiron Battle Will Be Fought at Charlottesville or Baltimore.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Baltimore, Md., December 16.—The biggest game of next year's football season for the Piskin team of the Johns Hopkins University will be played with the football team of the University of Virginia. The game will either be played at Charlottesville or at the Homewood stadium, of the Johns Hopkins, in this city. Manager N. Williams Haynes, of the Hopkins team, announced to-night that he had received an offer for a game next season from the University of Virginia, and that the proposal has been accepted.

The Johns Hopkins team and the University of Virginia have not met on the football field for many years, and the announcement has already created considerable interest in this city.

Hopkins showed great form during the past season, as did the University of Virginia. The Johns Hopkins management has been flooded with offers from outside teams, but a number of dates were held open in anticipation of the game with the Virginians.

The date and place of game will be settled within a few weeks.

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JAMES W. SULLIVAN, CATCHER, SIGNED AS RICHMOND'S PILOT

Owner Bradley Got Ex-Manager of Lincoln, Neb., Club in Western League to Put His Name to a Contract Yesterday—Comes Highly Recommended and Should Make Good Man—Flaherty Deal Was Called Off.

Gus. Mulbert, Sporting Editor, Times-Dispatch, Richmond, Va., Enkased James W. Sullivan, ex-manager Lincoln, Neb., Western League.

(Signed) W. B. BRADLEY.



Lincoln, Neb., December 16.—James W. Sullivan, manager of the Lincoln Western League ball club last season, was granted his release largely on the theory that new faces on a team are always advantageous. Sullivan played with Lincoln through four seasons, and his record is excellent. He joined the Lincoln in 1907 and did the bulk of the backstopping work that year and in 1908, as well as a good share of it in 1909.

Taking charge of the team in 1909, toward the end of the season, with Lincoln in the last position, he made the record of the league in straight games won. He did practically no playing last year, but is regarded as being capable of going behind the bat or playing the first base position with the best in the business. Sullivan practically began his baseball career in Lincoln seventeen years ago, when he came here from California, a boy of nineteen. He was never a spectacular player, but has a good baseball head on him and is always dependable. As a manager he is popular with players and patrons and a gentleman on and off the ball field.

BY GUS MALBERT.

The above telegram hardly needs explanation. They came to me last night and carry their own story. Flaherty, with the swinging name and the good nature of the old Emerald Isle darter from every corner of his countenance, won't come to Richmond. He must be gathered from this that our New York correspondent did not have the right dope. He did. Own-er Bradley most certainly was closest with Flaherty for a long time, and there is a reason why the deal was not consummated. But always there's many a slip, etc. So Patsy will not be in our midst, as they say up around Creekville, Mich.

James W. Sullivan is just as Irish as Patsy ever dared to be, and he is nearly, if not quite, as good a ball player. You will note from the telegram that Sullivan was thought of as a man who can play baseball off and on

for seventeen years in one city is a pretty good baseball player. This one fact is a recommendation in itself.

New Manager Wears Windup. Sullivan is a catcher. He caught once for the Kansas City team in the American Association. Then he caught for Lincoln, and then he managed the Lincoln team in a class "A" organiza-

tion, which is some more recommendation. The records fail to show that he was or is a spectacular player. For the past three or four years he has always batted around .35 and fielded 370 or thereabouts, not at all bad for a catcher. But he is there with the noodle.

He is a man thirty-six years old, a judge of men and ballplayers. Altogether much better material than has heretofore come to the Virginia League in a managerial capacity. The selection of Sullivan should be entirely satisfactory to the fans. Owner Bradley has certainly made good his promise to get a man of the best sort to pilot Richmond.

NATIONALS WILL PLAY 154 GAMES

Season Will Open April 12 and Close October 12.

New York, December 16.—The annual midwinter meeting of the baseball fraternity came to close to-night with a banquet, in which all of the club owners in town joined.

The National League ended its annual session by declaring for a 154-game schedule, commencing April 12, and ending "on or about October 12." The schedule committee appointed yesterday will confer with President Ban Johnson, of the American League on the specific dates. President C. Murphy, of Chicago, won his point to extend the season to include Columbus Day and Chicago Day, both holidays being extensively celebrated in Chicago. President Johnson said the American League would end its season "on or about October 12."

Robert Lee Hedges, principal owner of the St. Louis Americans, left for the West to-night to complete the deal whereby the syndicate composed of Mark and Ed Ewing, E. M. Hodgman, Louis M. Hall, and Edward Prendergast will take over the controlling interest in the club. He will meet there the American League committee, consisting of President Ban Johnson, Charles A. Comiskey and Frank J. Farrell.

President Lynch of the National League to-day announced that Umpire Flinnegan, of the Eastern League, has been engaged as a member of the National League's umpiring staff for next season.

Syndicate Taken Charge. St. Louis, Mo., December 16.—Attorneys representing R. L. Hedges, majority owner of the St. Louis American League baseball team, and a local syndicate signed a contract transferring Hedges's holdings to the syndicate to-day. The consideration was not named.

Montague Lyon, attorney for Hedges, confirmed the report that the club had been sold. The principal purchasers of the stock are E. M. Hodgman, Mark and Nathaniel Ewing, Louis M. Hall and Edward Prendergast. According to one of the attorneys, Hodgman will be the new president of the club.

Some Explanations Necessary. I wonder how some of my friends who are writing sports will account for the avidity with which they picked up the story in this paper relative to the probable selection of Flaherty? It looks as if they have their work mapped out for them in order to convince the fans that Flaherty is not the man, therein lies the value of getting your own news, provided, of course, that you get it first. There can be no possible objection to rewriting the matter which appears daily in The Times-Dispatch, only some explanation should be made as to the source from which the information comes—especially on so important a matter as the selection of a manager for the Richmond baseball team. It's all right, but think that it might have meant had not the real manager been ascertained. Here's another chance, fellows, so get busy. But don't let it under your own signature as being the real, almost the article, fresh from your fertile brains.

Sullivan, That's Me. Sullivan is the man. Su-double li-van spells Sullivan. That's him. Not Flaherty, from Atlanta or Brooklyn, or both, as was at first honestly supposed, and rightly, too, by the correspondent of this paper in New York, but another bearer of just as good an Irish name. Sullivan, fans, is the manager next year for Richmond.

A mighty good manager he's going to make. And you and I are glad to know that the peaky question is settled once and for all. Thanks, again, for the information and for the calibre of man you selected.

HORSE SHOW ASSOCIATION ELECTS ITS NEW OFFICERS

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Leesburg, Va., December 16.—At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Horse and Colt Show Association of Loudoun county, held on Saturday last, Westmoreland Davis was elected President, Edwin E. Garrett, treasurer, and Frank Garrett, secretary.

William B. Hibbs, the promoter, who has been elected president of the association, added to the executive committee. The show will be held this year on the 7th and 8th of June, and plans are being made to have a larger and better show than ever.

Looking at the matter from the standpoint of the Norfolk owners, it appears that these gentlemen are not satisfied with the action taken at the league meeting, when the new agreement was reached. In fact, Charles H. Consolvo, who then represented the Norfolk team, said as much, and declared that he would take no part in the deliberations of the organization. Now we've got that much settled.

This action on the part of Consolvo did not put Norfolk out of the league by any means, as has been stated in one or two quarters. But it did put Consolvo and his associates out of the league unless they were willing to change their minds and adhere to the majority action.

Consolvo's Norfolk Rights. The moment Consolvo left the league meeting he ceased to be a part of the Virginia League. But Norfolk remained in the league by virtue of the fact that the National Commission accepted protection money from the league for Norfolk and also for Portsmouth. You can't make a man stick

to a league unless he is willing to pay for it. The fact that the Virginia League holds protection for Norfolk and Portsmouth has been lost sight of. The people have been blinded by the fact reports sent out that the league would be the most expensive proposition. But the men who launched the league were not so easily deceived. They had to do the same thing, and they had nothing more than the prospect of the league for five years, just what a new organization would have.

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William Glynn Charles Gladstone, who is to take up a position as attaché at the British Embassy at Washington. He is the eldest son of the late W. H. Gladstone, M. P., and grandson and heir of the late W. E. Gladstone, M. P. (The Grand Old Man). Mr. Gladstone is twenty-six years old, and was educated at New College, New College. He is a nephew of Lord Gladstone, the new Governor-General of South Africa.

Some Real Facts About Norfolk

BY GUS MALBERT.

A charter was granted yesterday by the State Corporation Commission to the Norfolk Baseball Corporation. The charter rights allow the new corporation, which is capitalized at from \$10,000 to \$25,000, to own, operate, sell, manage, conduct and carry on baseball teams, and any class of athletic amusements, surprises and generally to engage in the business of managing and conducting baseball teams, football teams and any other form of athletic sports and amusements. The officers are A. C. Omohundro, president; Joseph B. Hecht, vice-president; George M. Payne, secretary and treasurer. These three are also the directors.

Now that a brand-new charter has been obtained by the rejuvenated interests, with a formidable list of privileges, we shall see what we shall see. Of course, the braves from down on the coast now feel secure in their rights, and will be more disposed than ever to carry out the arrogant and dictatorial policy. The obvious thing for them to say is that they will start a rival league. But kind friends, there is an obstacle.

The Virginia League is organized under rights granted by the National Baseball Commission. The National Baseball Commission in recognizing the Virginia League gave protection for a certain number of cities and for a certain area around those cities. Norfolk was one of the cities for which the Virginia League received protection. Portsmouth is another, and each of the other cities in the league is also protected.

When the Virginia League was organized certain by-laws were adopted for the guidance of the organization. One of these by-laws stipulated that the action of the league should be determined by a majority vote of the members. You furnished the information for the information and for the calibre of man you selected.

A majority of those present at the meeting held shortly after the close of the season decided that the league should continue for a period of another five years with the same cities which composed it during the previous five years, with the exception of Portsmouth, which city dropped by the way. The league was reorganized, and substituted. C. R. Williams at this same meeting was named as president of the league.

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unless you want to, but you can play ball in that town if you have protection. The one and only thing which the Norfolk Baseball Corporation does own is the league part in Norfolk. And it is with this part that the incorporation hope to beat the entire Virginia League into submission. They know, and know full well all the time, that the Lafayette Park franchise in Norfolk they must get, or they will be kicked out of the city of Norfolk had condemned the ground for a schoolhouse. Therein they acted wise. But let's see just how wise they have been.

New League Talk Is Bosh. All of these threats about organizing another league in Norfolk or of playing independent or outlaw baseball in Norfolk is bosh. It isn't possible to organize another league in Norfolk, nor can baseball be played down there unless they play outlaw ball. True, if other men want to take the Virginia League franchise in Norfolk they must get a ball park, a not impossible thing, but the Norfolk Baseball Corporation, so far as the Virginia League is concerned, is simply a piece of paper which cost the fees paid to the Corporation Commission, unless the incorporators are willing to abide by the majority action of the league. If you don't believe any of this just inquire of the National Commission and find out.

The whole trouble seems to be that many are endeavoring to build a temple in a teapot and it won't fit. A lot of dust has been kicked into the eyes of the fans about what Norfolk can and cannot do. All the present holders of the so-called Virginia League franchise in Norfolk can do is to keep the park. The Virginia League has a perfect right, unless Norfolk declares its intention of meeting the obligations of the league within a specified time, to put a team in Norfolk. It is a matter of the Norfolk papers and some other who once have gained knowledge with years and years of baseball want to dispute any of the facts.

Let League Carry Norfolk. That there will be some expense attached to placing a team in Norfolk which composed of the league would be the most expensive proposition. But the men who launched the league were not so easily deceived. They had to do the same thing, and they had nothing more than the prospect of the league for five years, just what a new organization would have.

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Somewhere up-state, in the town of Massapequa, I believe, there is a hoary-headed individual, bowed down with the weight of years, who is endeavoring to deal out to us youngsters a linguistic slap for the way in which we record our thoughts and conclusions relative to baseball affairs in the Virginia League.

Personally, I have always had respect for gray hairs, and I must plead guilty to the general indictment of being young. Also, I have an old typewriter. I am for you and your team, and your entire section. Also, I am working for a reputation, and, incidentally, if my pay is to continue, I must show some work and some interest in that work. Therefore, despite the fact that I may anger you, old gentleman, I for one, will continue to suggest and explain and hope and long in these columns for some final settlement of the affairs of the Virginia League.

Would the kindly old fellow have us weots share the solitude which comes with the senility of age and not allow our righteous outbursts of indignation to see the light of day? Or does he blame our worthy ambition to emulate the work and achievements of those of our ilk who have already won their spurs? It may be that the weakly—or is he portly?—old gentleman in his younger days tried his hand at the same game and fell down. Else, why is he in Massapequa? It can hardly be from choice.

Really, it sounds pitiful, this blasting, with final effort, of the aged. Save your strength, old gentleman. I am for you and your team, and your entire section. Also, I am working for a reputation, and, incidentally, if my pay is to continue, I must show some work and some interest in that work. Therefore, despite the fact that I may anger you, old gentleman, I for one, will continue to suggest and explain and hope and long in these columns for some final settlement of the affairs of the Virginia League.

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